

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

1-13-2014
APPROVED

The Carter County Highway Committee meet on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 10:00a.m. Members present were Charles VonCannon, John Lewis, Chairman Buford Peters, Robert Gobble, Joel Street, Sonja Culler, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz and Tom Bowers for Steve Lowrance. Member absent --Steve Lowrance.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Peters called for a public hearing. After the public was given an opportunity to comment, a motion was made by John Lewis to name an unnamed access road, which is between Old Bristol Highway and US Highway 19E, W.G. Woods Road. A second was given by Charles VonCannon. The motion passed with all Ayes.

After it was determined that Ellis Road in the Biltmore Community met the requirements of the county road department, a motion was made by Joel Street and seconded by Tom Bowers to add Ellis Road to the county road list. The motion carried with all Ayes.

Joel Street made a motion to close the public hearing and Robert Gobble made the second. The motion carried with all Ayes.

Chairman Buford Peters called the regular Highway Committee meeting to order. After the October meeting minutes were corrected (304 Winters Road / corrected 304 Reynolds Road), Robert Gobble made a motion to approve. The motion passed with Joel Street voting No.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commissioner Ken Arney presented a petition to the committee with signatures requesting the speed limit on River Bottom Road be reduced to 10 mph. After a discussion Joel Street made a motion to change the speed limit to 10 mph with a second by Robert Gobble. Motion passed--all Ayes.

Juanita McKinney, who lives on Reynolds Road, raised a concern about a ditch line that is unable to carry large amounts of water out of the area where she lives. She presented photos which showed flooding in the area. Ms. McKinney also told of problems with water drainage on Keg Mottern Road off Cripple Creek Loop. Commissioner VonCannon stated he had made trips to the area and gave suggestions for improvement. Chairman Peters stated the county can not go onto private property and can not disturb the natural flow of water. Chairman Peters suggested that the committee turn this problem over to Road Superintendent Jack Perkins. John Lewis made a motion to let Supt. Perkins investigate the problem and report to the committee at the next meeting. Tom Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried with Charles VonCannon voting No.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Culler presented a situation on Old Mill Ridge which has a narrow 9 foot bridge. Chairman Peters and Road Supt. Perkins will look at the situation and report at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barbara Moffett, who owns a mobile home park in Hampton, asked the committee to approve the building of a water line along a county right-of-way.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tom Bowers to table the discussion until the county attorney and county Road Supt. Perkins have had a chance to look into the situation. A second was made by Joel Street. The motion carried with 6 Ayes. John Lewis and Charles VonCannon voted No.

Mark Watson, who lives on John Taylor Road which is off Gap Creek Road, asked the committee to remove an old county road and right-of-way off the public record. According to Mr. Watson the right-of-way doesn't exist because the planned subdivision was not developed. Joel Street made a motion to have the county attorney, Keith Bowers, look at the situation and advise the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gobble. The motion passed--all Ayes.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Lewis stated concerns he has about the road in front of Hampton Utility. A motion was made that Attorney Bowers be asked to send a letter to Elizabethton asking the city to honor their agreement to repair the road. John Lewis seconded the motion and the motion carried with all Ayes.

Commissioner Culler made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried--all Ayes.

Submitted by

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Secretary


CHAIRMAN